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SUBJECT: PROPOSED VISIT OF TUNISIAN FOREIGN MINISTER TO
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1. TUNISIAN AMBASSADOR HEDDA CALLED ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY DESIGNATE EASUM ON FEBRUARY 15 TO ASK WHETHER FOREIGN MINISTER CHATTI COULD MEET WITH THE SECRETARY SOMETIME NEXT MONTH. ACTING UPON INSTRUCTIONS FROM TUNIS, HEDDA NOTED THE MANY EVENTS WHICH HAD TAKEN PLACE IN THE PAST MONTH AND THE CONSEQUENT DESIRABILITY FOR AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS. CHATTI WILL BE FREE FOLLOWING THE END OF THE PARTY CONGRESS ON MARCH 4 OR 5 AND IS PREPARED TO VISIT WASHINGTON ANY TIME DURING THE REMAINDER OF THE MONTH. EASUM REPLIED THAT HE WAS NOT FULLY INFORMED ABOUT THE SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE FOR MARCH AND THAT THERE WERE LIKELY TO BE DIFFICULTIES. NONETHELESS, HE WOULD INQUIRE AND LET HEDDA KNOW.

2. HEDDA REMARKED THAT ONE MATTER TO BE DISCUSSED WAS THE VISIT OF PRESIDENT BOURGUIBA. THE GOT STILL HOPES FOR MAY. EASUM SAID THAT HE WOULD NOT HIDE OUR CONCERN ABOUT BOURGUIBA'S HEALTH. AMBASSADOR SEELYE HAS DISCUSSED THIS MATTER WITH PRIME MINISTER NOUIRA, AND WHILE CONFIDENTIAL

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WE UNDERSTAND THAT BOURGUIBA'S CONDITION HAS IMPROVED DURING HIS STAY IN GENEVA, THERE STILL SEEM TO BE PROBLEMS. EASUM ASKED THE AMBASSADOR TO OBTAIN NOUIRA'S VIEWS REGARDING THE EFFECT OF A TRIP TO THE US ON BOURGUIBA'S

HEALTH. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO HEAR NOUIRA'S OPINION OF THE EFFECT WHICH CONSTITUTIONAL AND OTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN TUNISIA WOULD HAVE ON THE TIMING FOR A BOURGUIBA VISIT. AFTER THAT WE WOULD BE BETTER ABLE TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER WITH THE WHITE HOUSE. HEDDA ACKNOWLEDGED THAT EVENTS WHICH HAVE TAKEN PLACE SINCE HIS DEPARTURE FROM TUNIS LEAVE HIM UNCERTAIN ABOUT SOME MATTERS. HE PLANS A BRIEF VISIT TO TUNIS IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

3. DEPT. WILL INFORM EMBASSY TUNIS WHEN A DECISION IS REACHED ON A MEETING BETWEEN CHATTI AND THE SECRETARY.

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